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SUBJECT: MAP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

REFS (A) STATE 131098 (DTG 271953Z MAY 76), (B) ATHENS
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SUMMARY: GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED PROPOSED TEXT OF
EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONCERNING MAP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
AND WISHES TO CONCLUDED AGREEMENT ASAP. THEREFORE, UNLESS
OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE PLAN TO DELIVER TOMORROW (SEPTEMBER
1) TEXT OF NOTE CONTAINED IN PARA 4 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. PURSUANT TO REF C INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSY LAST FRIDAY
INFORMED MFA OF DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN TEXT OF NOTE
CONTAINED PARA 5, REF B, AND PROCEEDED TO DESCRIBE
ADDITIONAL FAA SECTION 505(A) MAP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT
AND RESULTANT NEED FOR NEW PARAGRAPH. AS DEPARTMENT IS
AWARE, MFA DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
TZOUNIS LATER SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NO PROBLEM
WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEW PROPOSED PARAGRAPH, BUT
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DID HAVE A POLITICAL PROBLEM WITH THE SPECIFIC REFER-

ENCES THEREIN TO THE 1947 AGREEMENT. (COMMENT: IT WAS JUST THAT SPECIFICITY AT WHICH THE GOG HAD BALKED IN EARLIER DRAFTS, FOR THEY BELIEVE IT COULD UNDULY FOCUS OPPOSITION ELEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT ON THE AGREEMENT.)

2. TZOUNIS ASKED WHETHER WE COULD ONCE AGAIN REFER SIMPLY TO "EXISTING AGREEMENTS," AND BY REF D WE WERE AUTHORIZED TO REVISE THE NEW PROPOSED PARAGRAPH SO THAT IT REFERRED TO "AGREEMENTS IN FORCE." TZOUNIS TELEPHONED THE AMBASSADOR TODAY TO SAY THAT THE GOG ACCEPTS THE TEXT AS PROPOSED AND WISHES TO EXCHANGE NOTES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT IT CAN BEGIN TO DRAW UPON ITS GRANT MAP. TZOUNIS CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR THAT REFERENCES TO "EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND PROVISIONS" AS WELL AS TO "AGREEMENTS IN FORCE" BOTH INCLUDE THE 1947 AGREEMENT (PARA 1, REF D).

3. TO RESPOND TO THE GREEK REQUEST FOR TIMELY EXCHANGE OF NOTES (EVEN THOUGH THE AUGUST 31 DEADLINE NO LONGER APPLIES), WE PLAN TO DELIVER TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 1, A NOTE WHOSE TEXT IS CONTAINED IN THE NEXT FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE. (NOTE: THIS TEXT HAS BEEN INCREMENTALLY APPROVED BY WASHINGTON.)

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4. BEGIN TEXT: PARA: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING A PROVISION OF UNITED STATES LAW WHICH PROHIBITS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FROM FURNISHING DEFENSE ARTICLES ON A GRANT BASIS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC SHALL HAVE AGREED TO PAY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THE NET PROCEEDS OF SALE RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC IN DISPOSING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES SO FURNISHED.

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PARA: IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO GREECE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC AGREES ALSO THAT THE NET PROCEEDS OF SALE RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC IN DISPOSING OF ANY WEAPON, WEAPONS SYSTEM, MUNITION, AIRCRAFT, MILITARY BOAT, MILITARY VESSEL, OR OTHER DEFENSE ARTICLES, INCLUDING SCRAP FROM

ANY SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLE, RECEIVED (HERETOFORE OR HERE-AFTER) UNDER THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE PAID TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO PAY ALL OFFICIAL COSTS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PAYABLE IN GREEK CURRENCY, INCLUDING ALL COSTS RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC PARTICIPATES.

PARA: IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING MATTER, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS INCLUDED IN THEIR RECENT DISCUSSIONS NEW PROVISIONS OF UNITED STATES LAW ESTABLISHING NEW STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING HITHERTO FURNISHED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS A DEFENSE SERVICE UNDER ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND PROHIBITING THE FURNISHING OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR RELATED TRAINING UNLESS THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY AGREES THAT IT WILL OBSERVE THE SAME CONDITIONS REGARDING TRAINING AND OTHER SERVICES AS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO THE USE, TRANSFER, SECURITY, OBSERVATION AND RETURN OF DEFENSE ARTICLES. AGREEMENTS IN FORCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC CONTAIN THE REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO DEFENSE ARTICLES, DEFENSE SERVICES AND INFORMATION FURNISHED TO GREECE. SINCE AT THE TIME THE RELEVANT AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO FORCE, TRAINING WAS FURNISHED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS A DEFENSE SERVICE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTERPRETS THEM AS BEING APPLICABLE TO TRAINING TO BE FURNISHED UNDER THE SEPARATE MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THE

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CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC THAT IT CONSTRUES THE AGREEMENTS IN FORCE THE SAME WAY AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY, NO FURTHER AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE AFORESAID NEWLY-ENACTED PROVISIONS OF UNITED STATES LAW.

PARA: IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE MINISTRY'S REPLY STATING THAT THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC SHALL, TOGETHER WITH THIS NOTE, CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT, TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THE MINISTRY'S REPLY. END TEXT

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